

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace title with the following title:

**"METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OPERATING AN OPTICAL DISPLAY DEVICE"**

Please add the following paragraph after the title:

Cross Reference To Related Application

[0001] This application is a *national stage* of PCT/EP2003/013220 filed November 25, 2003 and based upon DE 102 55 796.9 filed November 28, 2002 under the International Convention.

Please replace paragraph [0009] with the following amended paragraph:

[0009] The object is achieved in accordance with the invention by means of a method for operating an optical display device (1) in the case of which the user is displayed information pictorially by means of an optical display device (1), the user's direction of view being detected, characterized in that the user is offered the pictorial information in his peripheral field of view, it being possible to vary one of the variables of the pictorial information, in particular the display variable, shape, color and intensity, and in that the information display variable changes with the user's direction of view and ~~an apparatus having the features of patent claims 1 and 8.~~ an optical display device by means of which the user is displayed information pictorially, the apparatus comprising a device for detecting the user's direction of view, characterized

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in that the optical display (2) is arranged in the user's peripheral field of view, a means being provided with the aid of which it is possible to vary one of the pictorial information variables, in particular the display variable, shape, color and intensity, and in that a means is provided with the aid of which the information display variable can change as a function of the user's direction of view. Advantageous refinements and developments of the invention are indicated in the dependent claims.